

MTA-6007
8 May 1986

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, Foreign Broadcast Information Service
THROUGH: Chief, Operations Group
SUBJECT: Monthly Report -- Tel Aviv Bureau -- April 1986

I. GENERAL

The embassy regional security officer lifted the travel advisory on travel to East Jerusalem put into effect in March, but cautioned that travel to the West Bank and Gaza should be restricted to essential business.

II. OPERATIONS

A. Monitorial/Editorial

Defying the predictions of most political experts, the Israeli coalition government survived a week-long crisis sparked when Prime Minister Peres announced his intention to fire Finance Minister Yitzhaq Modai for remarks critical of Peres made in a HADASHOT interview. The crisis fizzled out on 13 April with a swap of portfolios between the finance and justice ministers. The embassy political and economic sections asked to be kept informed of crisis-related developments. On 9 April the bureau remained open 3 hours beyond its normal COB to process remarks by Peres on the crisis.

On the heels of the coalition crisis came the U.S. air strikes against Libya. Bureau involvement in covering developments relating to the U.S. raids was initially limited to reporting Israeli and Turkish reaction; however, following the closure of Nicosia Bureau on 18 April, in addition to its emergency backstop responsibilities, the bureau was asked to muster its Arabic and cruising resources and begin backstop monitoring of Tripoli Domestic Service and the Voice of the Greater Arab Homeland in coordination with London and Jordan. Bureau instituted an open speaker watch on Tripoli Domestic Service after 1300 gmt 18-21 April and extended bureau operating hours beyond the normal 2130 GMT COB. A number of radio behavior FYI's and cruising reports were filed.

London, Gulf and Jordan Bureaus assumed coverage of Moscow Dari, the National Voice of Iran, and the East Jerusalem Arabic press, respectively, during Persian/Arabic Monitor annual leave 19-28 April.

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B. Communications

On 18 April, Embassy [] moved its communications antenna on the embassy roof. The bureau's primary communications circuit was taken down and [] set up its backup high-frequency circuit at the beginning of the move and provided over-the-counter service for FBIS incoming and outgoing routine traffic. Priority and above material was sent and received by telex.

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C. Technical

Following Nicosia Bureau's closure and with Tel Aviv's assumption of backstop coverage of Tripoli Domestic Service and the Voice of the Greater Arab Homeland, a hybrid phone patch was installed in the bureau's cruising room.

Bureau engineer and technicians installed the newly-received IBM PC/XT in the communications section and connected it to one of the section's ASR's using the Black Box interface device supplied by Headquarters. The communications operators are familiarizing themselves with the new Bach Software and the operation of the PC.

III. ADMINISTRATION**A. Personnel**

In a ceremony at the bureau, Cruising Monitor [] received a service award for 25 years of government service, while Monitors [] each received awards for 10 years of service with FBIS.

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Deputy Chief [] is the proud father of a baby boy, [] born on 15 April at 0130, only moments before the U.S. air strikes against Libya.

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IV. VISITS

Bureau Chief [] was in Washington 8-18 April for consultations and to attend the annual bureau chiefs conference.

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Chief, FBIS Tel Aviv Bureau

Attachments: a. Production Report
b. Communications Report

Tel Aviv Bureau Production Report for April 1986

I. TOTALS FROM ALL SOURCES:

TOTAL PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	209960
TOTAL NON-PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	62660
TOTAL NUMBER OF PUBLISHABLE ITEMS FILED DURING MONTH:	687

	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
II. INPUT OF REGULAR COVERAGE: (minutes or issues per week)	6113.00 min.	840.00 min.	58.00 issues

III. OUTPUT FROM ALL SOURCES:
(publishable words per month)

Clandestine Bayrak Radio in Turkish	9470
Clandestine Bayrak Radio in English	1370
Clandestine National Voice of Iran in Persian	890
Clandestine Our Radio in Turkish	650
Clandestine Voice of Turkish Communist party in Turkish	5250

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Nicosia ANATOLIA in Turkish	0
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GREECE

Athens in English to South Africa	310
Athens in English to Australia	560

ISRAEL

Jerusalem Domestic Service in Hebrew	52810
Jerusalem Domestic Service in English	16240
Jerusalem Television Service in Hebrew	13100
Jerusalem Television Service in Arabic	1210

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	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
Tel Aviv IDF Radio in Hebrew	12130		
Jerusalem AL-FAJR in Arabic			1050
Jerusalem AL-FAJR in English			0
Jerusalem AL-MITHAQ in Arabic			270
Jerusalem AL-NAHAR in Arabic			580
Jerusalem AL-QUDS in Arabic			1470
Jerusalem AL-SHA'B in Arabic			850
Jerusalem AL-TALI'AH Arabic			0
Jerusalem Al-NAHAR in Arabic			0
Jerusalem GOVERNMENT PRESS OFFICE in English			130
Jerusalem THE JERUSALEM POST in English			15530
Tel Aviv KOTERET RASHIT in Hebrew			150
Tel Aviv 'AL HAMISHMAR in Hebrew			3560
Tel Aviv BEMAHANE in Hebrew			1180
Tel Aviv DAVAR in Hebrew			7730
Tel Aviv HA'ARETZ in Hebrew			11840
Tel Aviv HA'OLAM HAZE in Hebrew			0
Tel Aviv HADASHOT in Hebrew			3710
Tel Aviv HATZOFE in Hebrew			2180
Tel Aviv MA'ARIV in Hebrew			12080
Tel Aviv YEDI'OT AHARONOT in Hebrew			610
SOVIET UNION			
Moscow Radio Peace and Progress in Hebrew	0		
Moscow in Turkish	0		
Moscow in Dari	630		

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	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
TURKEY			
Ankara Domestic Service in Turkish	26310		
Ankara ANATOLIA in Turkish		1430	
Ankara ANATOLIA in English		4400	
Ankara ANATOLIA in French		0	
Istanbul CUMHURIYET in Turkish			0
Istanbul HURRIYET in Turkish			0
UNITED KINGDOM			
London BBC World Service in English	280		

TEL AVIV BUREAU MONTHLY COMMUNICATIONS REPORT FOR APRIL 1986 ATTACHMENT B

1. TOTAL PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED WAS 209,960 (191,860)
 TOTAL NONPUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED WAS 62,660 (57,430)
 DAILY WORDAGE FILED AVERAGED 9,087 (8,042)
 HIGHEST DAILY WORDAGE FILED WAS 17,770 on 9 April 1986
 LOWEST DAILY WORDAGE FILED WAS 2,230 on 30 April 1986
2. OUTAGES ON OUTGOING SKYMUX CIRCUIT TOTALED ^{24.15} HOURS, 4.9 PERCENT.
 OUTAGES ON INCOMING SKYMUX CIRCUIT TOTALED ^{24.15} HOURS, 4.9 PERCENT.

OUTAGES: 1 April - Program error on the Mux
 5 April - Maintenance outage at []
 6 April - Satellite at [] down
 13 April - Technical problems at []
 15 April - Problems at []
 16 April - Problems at []
 18 April - Relocating local [] antenna
 21 April - Problems at []
 29 April - Problems at []

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3. WORDS FILED VIA TELEX DURING OUTAGES OF THE SKYMUX CIRCUIT: 3,810

NB. Figures from preceding month in Parentheses.